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**IAIABC 100 Reflections: Moving Workers' Compensation Forward Begins Wednesday, April 6**

(April 5, 2011, Madison, Wis., USA) – In celebration of the 100 year anniversary of the first statutory workers' compensation law in the United States in 1911, the IAIABC will present **100 Reflections: Moving Workers' Compensation Forward**. For each work day leading up the IAIABC 97<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, 100 reflections will be collected from industry leaders, experts, and individuals who have been personally impacted by the system. Insights will be offered on the development, advancement, and relevance of workers' compensation in today's global economy. Reflections from historical events and figures will also provide context for how workers' compensation came to be as it exists today, and where it might be going tomorrow.

The final reflection will be given by IAIABC President Alan McClain on the opening day of Annual Convention program on August 24. Mr. McClain, CEO of the Arkansas Workers' Compensation Commission, states, "100 Reflections is an excellent opportunity for each of us involved in workers' compensation to take a moment to reflect on where we have been and where we are going. Gaining perspective on the evolution and key events that made the system what it is today can help us make positive changes moving forward."

The reflections will provide insight and thoughts on workers' compensation in areas such as key legislation that shaped workers' compensation; still-unmet needs that require attention; institutions that have shaped the industry; progress in medical care and delivery; the shifting balance of employer and labor interests in the system; legal challenges and principles; safety, prevention, and injury management movements; and historical events that have had an enduring impact on workers' compensation.

Each day beginning on Wednesday, April 6, 2011, see a new reflection at [www.iaiaabc.wordpress.com](http://www.iaiaabc.wordpress.com). The IAIABC is currently collecting reflections from thought leaders in workers' compensation; if you are interested in submitting a reflection for possible inclusion in the 100 Reflections, please visit the blog at [www.iaiaabc.wordpress.com](http://www.iaiaabc.wordpress.com) or email Heather Lore, IAIABC Manager of Membership and Marketing, at [hlore@iaiaabc.org](mailto:hlore@iaiaabc.org).

Visit the IAIABC 97<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention webpage at <http://www.iaiaabc.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3759> for dates, location, and accommodations information. The program will be available shortly.

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